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SUBJ: UNESCO: PREPARATORY INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETING ON DRAFT
DECLARATION

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1. AS PER REFTEL EMBOFF CONTACTED AVRAHAM GILADI, OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR UNESCO AFFAIRS IN MFA, TO INFORM HIM OF U.S. INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN UNESCO PREPARATORY MEETING ON DRAFT DECLARATION ON RACE AND RACIAL PREJUDICE SCHEDULED TO CONVENE IN PARIS MARCH 13-20, AND TO REQUEST ISRAELI VIEWS. GILADI SAID THAT NO FINAL DECISION HAD BEEN MADE, BUT THAT HIS OFFICE WOULD MAKE A POSITIVE RECOMMENDATION TO FOREIGN MINISTER DAYAN TO SEND A PROMINENT LEGAL SCHOLAR, STILL TO BE SELECTED, TO ATTEND THE PARIS CONFERENCE.

2. IN COMMENTING ON UNESCO AND M'BOW, GILADI SAID THAT GOI CONTINUES TO RESENT ITS TREATMENT BY THAT AGENCY
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AND CITED THE POLITICAL APPROACH OF THE TWO RECENT UNESCO INVESTIGATIONS ON EDUCATION IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND ON THE JERUSALEM ARCHEOLOGICAL DIGS. BOTH MISSIONS STRESSED POLITICAL ISSUES OF ILLEGAL OCCUPATION AS STARTING POINTS ON WHICH TO BASE THEIR FINDINGS, THUS MAKING ISRAEL FEEL THAT OBJECT OF THE INVESTIGATIONS WAS PRINCIPALLY TO SEEK DOCUMENTATION

FOR AN A PRIORI CONDEMNATION. GILADI ALSO EXPRESSED
RESENTMENT AGAINST M'BOW FOR HIS REMARKS AT THE 1976
NAIROBI CONFERENCE AT WHICH HE HAD CRITICIZED INTER-
NATIONAL JEWISH PRESSURES AND INFLUENCE. HOWEVER, HE
APPRECIATED THE ARGUMENT THAT THE U.S. WOULD VIEW
ISRAELI PRESENCE AT THE PARIS MEETING AS HELPFUL TO
ITS EFFORTS TO OVERCOME POSSIBLE ANTI-ISRAELI INITIATIVES.
HE ALSO THOUGHT IT LIKELY THAT M'BOW WOULD SEEK TO DIS-
COURAGE INJECTION OF RESOLUTION 3379 OR OTHER
FORMS OF ANTI-ISRAELI ATTACKS.
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